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Belgium, Nov. 30, 1917.

Dear Sir Robert;

Allow me to add my somewhat belated congratulations to the many I know you must have received when your new honour was conferred upon you. Time and again, I have intended to write but we have been building railroads from one end of the line to the other and have had very little respite till the bad weather set in for good.

I can hardly realize that we have been in France fifteen months. This spring we all figured on the end by this time but our Russian friends upset every calculation in that direction. But we have beaten the Boche every where we have chosen to strike. This last blow has been a great surprise stroke. I know the country well, and one may be sure, the Boche has been dealt a blow from which he will not recover.

Thos. L. London.

The Italian front has perhaps worried those at home. I think personally that it is the beginning of the end of Austria. But what great success we are having in Palestine. The thought of the British "Tommy" in Palestine, in places of Biblical interest, amuses me greatly. One can imagine his humourous references to the various places — for he is a great humourist.

I have seen Colonel C. H. Mitchell quite often lately. He is very well and as a mutual friend said, "Solomon in all his glory never had as many decorations". It goes without saying that the decorations are of the highest. It is a pleasure to see him — he is always so bright.

The Varsity reaches me every now and then and I gather from it glimmers of the dear old buildings and halls. What changes there must be. The quietness of the whole place must be very noticeable. But what a proud record we have. I meet former students everywhere, Fine glorious chaps all of them, so bright and cheerful, giving

this all freely. I appreciate more fully since being over here what a university education means — even if it were only for the bond of friendship and common memories it creates.

You will, I know, excuse my writing paper. It is simply a case of writing where and upon whatever I can at present.

Sincerely
Thos. R. Loudon.
Major 1st Bn Canadian Railway Troops.

P.S. Best wishes for the coming New Year. May it bring what we all wish for.
T. R. L.

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My dear Sir Robert:

Since seeing you, I have had my "Medical Board" and have been told unofficially that it will be several months before I can undertake very much. In any event, I think I shall carry on Military work as serious representations have been made to me regarding the scarcity of engineers in the Canadian militia. If I am in Toronto, it will be possible for me to take care of whatever University work would arise in my department.

I would be very much obliged if you would have me placed back on my active service half salary basis.

I tried to see you to-day but found that you were occupied till well on into next week so am writing this in hope of not being too late for the estimates.

Sincerely

Thos. R. Loudon.